PL. LVIII

Erythronium Americanum

ERYTHRONIUM AMERICANUM.

Common Erythronium.

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For a considerable time the genus Erythronium was considered as containing only one species, the *E. dens canis* of Europe and Asia. The American plant was considered by Michaux as a variety of the European, differing only in colour. Later botanists have, with propriety, separated it, and besides this, one or two other American species have been added to the genus.

The natural order, called *Liliaceæ* by Linnæus, and *Lilia* by Jussieu, is perhaps not exceeded by any other in the uniform elegance of all its spe-

* My friend Mr. F. Boott discovered a new species of Erythronium on the Camel's rump mountain in Vermont, which he calls *E. grandiflorum*. Its character is *E. foliis lanceolatis, scapo bifloro*. In all the specimens gathered by that gentleman, the leaves were very unequal, one being twice the size of the other; the scape had also a lanceolate bractea near the top. The flower was yellow and about half the size of *E. Americanum*.